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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Cabell

SUBJECT: Intelligence Requirements on US Citizens Held in
Sino-Soviet Block Countries (IAC-D-101/3)

1. The issue raised by the report of the State and Defense Prisoner Officer is whether any special arrangement is now required, or whether the problem could now be handled as standard, though unusually difficult requirements problem. Admiral Layton will probably propose creation of special machinery. However, Colonel [redacted] of OCR, who has followed the problem very closely, believes that a special committee would be no more effective than assigning a single competent individual to the job.

3. Paragraph 5 of the report does not indicate that the remaining deficiencies are serious. The problem cited in paragraph 6 appears to be primarily due to present deficiencies, and the problem cited in paragraph 7 could be handled by the preparation of a proper interviewing guide. It does not appear that the correction of either situation could not be handled by existing channels.

4. In summary, it is my personal recommendation that you urge that the report be noted by the IAC and referred, with supporting material, to OCR with instructions to confer with the Prisoner Officers for the formulation of requirements, preparation of supporting guides, etc, and assignment of priority if necessary.

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